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1. The dismantling of the last remaining electric crane in Berlin's Ost Hafen began at the end of June 1947. This crane, built by Demag, is to be sent to Czechoslovakia, where it will serve as a model for fifteen new cranes to be constructed at the Skoda works near Budejovice (RSS). When completed, the fifteen cranes are to be shipped to the Szczecin (Stettin) port.
2. At Szczecin, the Poles are believed to be abandoning the idea put forward by the Polish Ministry for Foreign Trade that the city should take over a portion of the Danzig-Gdynia coal trade. The original plan was to ship a large part of Upper Silesian coal to Szczecin via the Odra River to take some of the strain off the rail lines.
3. The Soviets have turned over about half of the Szczecin harbor to the Poles, but retained the more important piers and cranes. To date, the Poles have not been successful in clearing the silt from the Altdamm coal harbor. The dams, sluices and dykes, by means of which the Germans operated the Altdamm before the war, were destroyed in April 1945.

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Comment: [redacted], stated that "although the city of Szczecin is under Polish administration, the port is controlled by the Soviets."

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